

FROM THE BRIDGE

Baseball Never Tires A Palica

By BILL SCHIPPER—Sports Editor

Pete White, the business manager of the newly formed Torrance Red Devils who will compete in a Connie Mack League this summer, couldn't have made a wiser or better choice in the selection of a manager than Ambrose "Bo" Palica, fast becoming the city's "grand ole man of baseball".

Despite a seemingly two-strike handicap with a name like Ambrose, Palica has a brilliant baseball career both behind him as a player and youth baseball coach—and in front of him, thanks to a pinpoint sharp baseball brain and a zestful attitude towards the sport and the youth of the city.

And as if managing one club doesn't produce enough headaches, Palica has three teams to command. But you can bet your boots that they all will finish up near the top of the final standings.

Besides the Red Devils, which has a top-playing age of 19, as of September 1, Bo pilots the "Old Pros" in a slo-pitch softball league, and the Beavers in the Babe Ruth League.

Youth baseball followers are well aware of Palica's ability to handle the assorted problems which are connected with kids and baseball.

Last year Bo piloted the local Babe Ruth League all-stars to the Southern California championship. Five years earlier he was manager of the National Little League's all-star club which made it to the regional playoffs in Santa Monica.

He has an illustrious baseball family, with "little brother" Erv Palica still pitching in the Pacific Coast League with the Seattle Rainiers. Brother Nick—who also coaches the Red Devils—is co-holder of an all-time professional baseball base stealing record, and his son, Erv, led Torrance High School and the Pioneer League in batting this season with a .414 percentage.

Bo himself had several trials in the big leagues—going up three times to the Cleveland Indians but never quite sticking. His best year as a pitcher was when he compiled a 23-10 record in Class B ball.

Few people are aware of it, but he also helped pitch the old minor-league Baltimore franchise to the Little World Series title in 1944 and he had a 1-1 record in the "Series" itself.

Palica manages the same way he played—to win, and he makes no bones about it.

Perhaps that is why his record is so enviable, his team so tough to beat, and why he always seems to be called on to "take over" when the competition gets tough.

Pete White, the business manager who saw the Red Devils through from conception of an idea to the actual fielding of the team, knew this when he approached Palica to manage the club.

Bo responded wholeheartedly, and said "Your get the sponsor, I'll get the players".

The Red Devils can draw players from a 30-mile radius of Torrance, providing the city they draw from doesn't already have a Connie Mack League team.

Palica has "beat the bushes" as the saying goes and has come up with a 13-player squad that'll do the city, the sponsor and the manager proud before a 14-game schedule is completed in mid August. Two games with the Dodger rookies are included in the schedule, and post-season tournaments and playoffs are also set.

Palica has been in more spine-tinglers than a chiropractor and you can bet that more are due for his club (s) this summer.

With the birth of the Red Devils, who skyrocketed off the ground faster'n one of their sponsors' products, it is now possible for boys 8 to 18 in this area to compete in organized and competent youth baseball leagues.

Because of the late start in the organization of the team, Palica had to "take what was left" of the home-playing dates at Torrance Park because of the two Junior American Legion teams which also make use of the field in week-ends.

George Vico, the ex-major league slugger and newest city councilman, and brother Nick will assist in the coaching.

When it comes to baserunning, there aren't many teachers who could run as well as Nick. Bo reminds us that his brother is co-holder with Pete Reiser for most thefts of home plate in one season in organized baseball—eight. "He really had the ninth one, but the ump called him out," Palica recalls.

Ambrose-er, Bo-is a parcel post mailman when he's not managing, coaching or playing slo-pitch, which takes up just about every evening of the week.

He may overdo it, but if the city had a couple more like the Palicas, our baseball program would be head and shoulders above any other city in the state.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: (From a graduating South High senior athlete).

If it wasn't for sports I probably would not be in school. Our South-Torrance game was big, but I got more thrill out of the North High scrimmage.

Besides football, I have a warm feeling for wrestling. I think this is the hardest sport in high school. It doesn't get much publicity, and a lot of people think it's a joke, but when you have faced an opponent for three minutes it takes tremendous intestinal fortitude to keep going. I feel wrestling was invaluable in molding my character.

The last sport for which I have much feeling is track. I have heard people say that they can't see why someone would get out and run lap after lap with no apparent goal. Believe me, there is no goal as great as winning or losing if you have given everything you possibly have given.

—Ronald Dreiling

I liked Jesse Owens' statement in his recent magazine article "To Hell With the Olympic Farce: 'I agree that we've got to outproduce and outperform the Soviets in a And I'll certainly go along with the idea that building self-number of vital areas (in the Olympics) or pay the piper, sufficient young men is every bit as important as putting up space stations. But aren't we building better citizens by competing in the Olympics our free way—win lose, or draw? If we weren't, then the Russians wouldn't have been trying to goad us into selling out our amateurs for eight years now, believe me. They'd just love to see us pull a Benedict Arnold on our boys for seven cents' worth of propaganda..."

Tappa Keggas, Defending Slo-Pitch Champs, Unscored on in Four Games

Softball Standings

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE

Team	W	L
Independent BMC	5	0
SB Chch. of God	4	1
Harvey Alum.	3	1 1/2
Maury's Cafe	3	2
Ryan Aeros	3	2
Harbor Hornets	2	3
Post Office	2	3
Aeronca Mfg.	1	4
Border Markets	1	4
Lucy's Lamb	0	4 1/2

SLO-PITCH

Service League

Team	W	L	GBL
Toor. Merchants	4	0	
Elks Club	3	1	1
Walteria Kiwanis	3	1	1
Torrance Kiwanis	3	1	1
Hl. Riv. Spismn.	2	2	2
Torrance Herald	1	3	3
Optimist Club	0	4	4
Torrance Lions	0	4	4

Blue League

Team	W	L	GBL
Tappa Keggas	4	0	
Old Pros	3	1	1
Local No. 1117	2	2	2
Fire Dept. B	1	3	3
Torrance Tigers	1	3	3
RB Post Office	1	3	3

Results

Tappa Keggas 10, Old Pros 0  
Tor. Tigers 4, Fire Dept. "B" 1  
Loc. No. 1117 2, RB P.O. 1

Red League

Team	W	L	GBL
Just For Fun	3	0	
Ron's Landscng.	3	0	
Columbia ERA	2	1	1
Inglewood Farms	2	2	2
SB Ch. of God	1	2	2
St. James Church	1	2	2
St. Lawrence Ch.	1	2	2
Pac. Perforating	0	3	3

Reynolds Hurls 9-0 Shutout In Softball

Fastballing Jim Reynolds pitched the South Bay Church of God to a 9 to 0 shutout win over the Harbor Hornets in Industrial League softball play this week as the winners remained one game back of the league leaders.

Reynolds struck out 14 batters, including seven of the last eight men to face him. The victors were aided by home run blasts of N. Kemp-ton and Cliff Hamm in the late innings.

Industrial League

Team	W	L
Border Markets	100	0-1 6 3
Ind. Bldg. Mat's	100	201 x-3 0 1
Klaseker and Fitcher	100	201 x-3 0 1
Johnson and Laird	100	201 x-3 0 1
Post Office	100	201 x-3 0 1
Lucy's Lamb	100	201 x-3 0 1
Daval and Paculiba	100	201 x-3 0 1
Johnson	100	201 x-3 0 1
Harvey Aluminum	100	201 x-3 0 1
Ryan Aeros	100	201 x-3 0 1
Gipson and Mads	100	201 x-3 0 1
Stratford	100	201 x-3 0 1
Maury's Cafe	100	201 x-3 0 1
Aeronca Mfg.	100	201 x-3 0 1
Hazelwood, Smith, and Lindberg	100	201 x-3 0 1
Creager, Reese, and Master-	100	201 x-3 0 1
Harbor Hornets	100	201 x-3 0 1
SB Chch. of God	100	201 x-3 0 1
Wiley and Saonaco	100	201 x-3 0 1
Christie	100	201 x-3 0 1

Slo-Pitch

SERVICE LEAGUE

Team	W	L	RHE
Herald	000	310	0-4 8 4
Merchants	400	002	x-6 9 2
Haines and Parshley	400	002	x-6 9 2
Hains and Hargis	400	002	x-6 9 2

BLUE LEAGUE

Team	W	L
Old Pros	000	000
Tap. Keggas	214	030-10 12 1
Palica and Johnson, Theodosis; Stephens and McQuinn.	214	030-10 12 1

Red League

Team	W	L
Tor. Tigers	100	201
Fire Dept. B	000	000
Cizek and Hertel; Moffitt and Minor.	000	000

3 Stock Walleyes in Southland Lakes

Three Southern California reservoirs were experimentally stocked with a total of 800,000 walleye fry in the past few days by the Department of Fish and Game.



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LEFTY THIRD SACKER . . . Richard Thompson may be left-handed but the National Little League third baseman for the Cards can sure make the plays. Camera catches Richard making catch of ground ball (arrow) before putting tag on Yankee base-runner to end the third inning in Friday's game at Del Amo Park. Cards won, 3-2. (Herald Photo)

Cards Win As Maynard Homers, 3-2

Big Lou Maynard socked his sixth home run of the season Friday and bested the Yanks' Jim Hartley in a 3-2 pitchers' duel as the Cards boosted their record to 5-3 in the Torrance National Little League. Maynard hit the round-trip blast in the second inning, then singled through the box in the third to score a run as the winners overcame a two-run first inning deficit. Maynard struck out nine batters. Yanks . . . 200 000-2 2 1 Cards . . . 012 00x-3 6 1 Hartley and Trujillo; Maynard and Malone.

Western Ave. Golf Course Hosts Tourney

Teen-age golfers from all parts of the county will tee off this month in two junior golf tournaments in the first part of a series of such competitions to be sponsored during the summer months by the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation.

Leading off the tournament series will be one at Santa Anita County Golf Course (Arcadia) on June 20, to be followed by another at Western Avenue County Golf Course (12009 South Western, Los Angeles) on June 24. The deadlines for entry are: Santa Anita, June 17, Western Avenue, June 21.

This is the 13th year that the county department has sponsored such a series of junior golf tournaments in which competition is limited to boys and girls who are amateur golfers under the age of 18.

Junior golfers are welcome to enter by mailing their applications with the \$1 entry fee to the golf course whose tourney they will enter. No greens fee will be assessed entrants.

In addition to the Santa Anita and Western Avenue tourneys, there will be four others: Whittier Narrows County Golf Course, July 8; Knollwood County Golf Course, July 29; Altadena County Golf Course, August 9; and Lakewood County Golf Course, August 15.

THREE TRADITIONAL

Stakes Races Top Hollypark Card

Three traditional stakes, topped by the renewal of the \$35,000 added Argonaut for three-year-olds pointing for the \$100,000 added Hollywood Derby in July, will be decided at Hollywood Park this week.

The \$20,000 added Honeyweek stakes, second of three added money events limited to three-year-old fillies, will be run Tuesday and seven stakes winners are among the 21 nominees. The distance is a flat mile.

Barracuda Hitting in Redondo

Memorial Day weekend proved fruitful for saltwater anglers who ventured on Redondo Beach coastal waters, skippers of three sportfishers reported. Monday found 240 passengers averaging four fish each. Barracuda continued to be the most numerous. Benito were popular, with calico bass and yellowtail slightly less numerous.

BEST FISHING remained in nearby Rocky Point waters, where one angler in a private boat bagged a 44-pound, 4-oz. white sea bass just 50 yards offshore. He was Mathias Schutt of Hawthorne Calif.

Barge fishing—which officially got underway on a season schedule of every day during daylight hours and "every night all-night except Sunday"—showed the best action for the season with more than 200 mackerel, bonito, yellowtail and barracuda reported caught.

IN THE barge fleet is the 300-foot-long "Sacramento" complete with live bait tank, restrooms and restaurants, according to Gordon McFae, Redondo Pleasure Fishing chief.

JACKPOT Winner James L. Conrad of 4103 W. 175th St., Torrance, was jackpot winner recently on board the sportfisher "G.W." Redondo Beach Landing, when he caught a 3-pound sea bass.

Biggest part of ocean fishing off Redondo is done over Redondo Canyon, a submarine canyon which moves fish in about a half mile from shore in its strong current.

CHURCH LEAGUE SOFTBALL SCORES Nazarene . . . 002 00-3 3 0 First Assembly 200 03-5 3 1 DeLuca and Wade; Sloan and Sappington.

Seaside E&P 212 015-11 14 1 Rolling Hills 100 010-2 7 2 Rosellen and Specht; Chase and Anderson.

Blank Old Pros 10-0 for First Place in Blue League

The remarkable Tappa Keggas continued their waltz down shutout lane this week in dumping the previously unbeaten Old Pros 10-0 to take over undisputed first place in the Blue Slo-Pitch League after their fourth straight game without being scored upon.

The Keggas, defending league, city, and Southern California slo-pitch kingpins have now gone 28 consecutive scoreless innings and have a fantastic two-year record of 40 wins against only one loss.

THE ONLY team to dump the colorful aggregation of ex-ballplayers was the Just For Fun team midway through last season.

Since then "we've begun to jell and now we're going real, real good," according to team manager Chuck Ryan, which is probably the understatement of the week.

The Keggas have bowled over everybody and their game scores read more like college football results: 10-0; 4-0, 14-0 and 14-0.

IN ADDITION to the almost unbelievable four league whitewash jobs, the "Keggas scored four shutout wins in eight non-league tune-up games.

This week it was big Bryan Stephens who tossed his third blanker job in as many outings. Ryan, who tossed the first shutout of the season about this time a year ago, spun the 4-0 whitewash job two weeks ago.

The "Keggas are a collection of local adults with a colorful baseball background behind them. For instance, outfielder Stan DiMaggio is a cousin of the famous ex-baseballing brothers; Chuck Schoendienst is a cousin of the Milwaukee Braves' second baseman, Rube Novotney is an ex-Chicago Cub and L.A. Angel, and others have high school and college baseball experience.

IT'S GETTING so people are even petitioning to join the team, according to Ryan. "We're going to do some traveling this summer," Ryan says. The "Keggas are booked for games this summer in El Toro and in Santa Ana.

But while the team keeps rolling along, the local city rivals are wondering who'll gain the distinction of marring the won-lost percentage.

But others are wondering who's gonna dent home plate first against 'em, if anyone?

ON THURSDAY the \$20,000 added Golden State Breeders' Handicap at a mile and one-sixteenth will determine the championship among the California-foaled stars at the meeting. Eddie Schmidt, winner of the race in 1957 and 1958, and Finnegan, victorious in the recent \$50,000 added Los Angeles Handicap, top the roster of 15 nominees.

Finnegan, who turned the seven furlongs of the Los Angeles in 1:20 4-5 in beating Clandestine, takes advantage of the conditions of the race, allowing horses foaled in California but not bred here to be eligible. Finnegan is a Kentucky-bred, but he was foaled in the Golden State and named for his trainer, Bill Finnegan.

THE BIG Saturday stakes is the Argonaut, an important stepping stone to the \$100,000 added Hollywood Derby July 9. Stretching out from the six furlongs of the Debonair to the flat mile of the Will Rogers, the best sophomores at the track will be asked to travel a mile and one-sixteenth in the Argonaut. Clown Prince won the Debonair and Flow Line the Will Rogers.

JACNOT STABLE'S Natego, who closed so fast in the Will Rogers that he was only beaten a neck by Flow Line, may be the favorite over the added distance of the Argonaut.

SUMMER AAU CAGE LEAGUE BEING FORMED Basketball teams planning to enter the Major AAU Summer League have until Friday, June 10, to file entries, league Manager Jim Rafferty announced today.

First game is scheduled June 29. All games will be played at Los Angeles City College.

Rafferty can be contacted at the Los Angeles Board of Education, 450 North Grand Ave., or at Madison 5-8921, Ext. 557.

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Legion Baseball Teams in '60 Season Openers

Torrance's two Junior American Legion baseball teams opened their respective 1960 schedules yesterday afternoon and the South Torrance entry plays a second game today at 1:30 in Lomita.

Manager Joe Clements' South Torrance nine will go with Bob Wehrhan on the mound after hosting El Segundo yesterday.

OSZIE GRIMES' Post 184 Torrance club draws a bye this afternoon after engaging Gardena yesterday.

Torrance finished second in the Bay League last year to El Segundo. The South edition is a newly formed entry, made up of Bishop Montgomery High and South High players.

North High and Torrance High ballplayers will comprise the central team.

Both teams will play consecutive Saturday and Sunday games, with Torrance Park the home field.

SOUTH TORRANCE roster includes Mike Czarke, Doug Perry, Jim Berry, Rick Gomez, Bob Wehrhan, Mike Andrews, Larry Anderson, Gary Clements, Bob Kittell, Mike Charter, Larry Thomas, Joe Austin, Forest Hunt, John Clark, John Newborn and Tom Stanley.

TORRANCE'S roster includes Tom Richardson, Jim Baker, Jerry McLean, Jim Armstrong, Terry Greason, Jack Golpene, Eleazar Ybarra, Bob Clark, Rick Jacobs, Ray Wilson, Bob Wallace, Don Dobrick, Billy Kehoe and Jim Carrico.

Scolinos Quits At Pepperdine

Pepperdine College today announced the resignation of baseball coach John Scolinos, who will accept a similar position at Cal Poly (Pomona).

Scolinos completed his 15th season as the Waves' diamond mentor Monday, as his team posted a 29-12 mark for the best record in the school's history. John led a predominantly junior club into the NCAA regional playoffs where the Peps won two games before being eliminated by the University of Southern California.

RECENTLY NAMED to the center position on Manual Arts' all-time football team, Scolinos also coached the grid sport at Pepperdine for several years.

In praising Scolinos for his "fine work, cooperation with the administration, great record and outstanding coaching," school officials commented that, due to the suddenness of the announcement, there was no successor in mind.

Red Devils Slate Exhibition Today

The Torrance Red Devils, the city's new "Connie Mack Baseball League" entrant will make their 1960 debut before the home folks this afternoon at 3 at Torrance Park, weather permitting.

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